

ABSTRACT

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3 The present invention relates to an apparatus for filtering a gas or liquid stream such as a natural gas
4 stream. The apparatus includes a closed vessel having a longitudinally extending length, an initially
5 open interior, an input port at one extent and an output port at an opposite extent thereof. A
6 partition located within the vessel interior divides the vessel interior into a first stage and a second
7 stage. At least one opening is provided in the partition. A filter element is disposed within the
8 vessel to extend from within the first stage. The filter element is easily mounted or removed from
9 the vessel by rotating a J-slot engagement surface on the element which mates with a post provided
10 on a mounting structure provided on the vessel partition.